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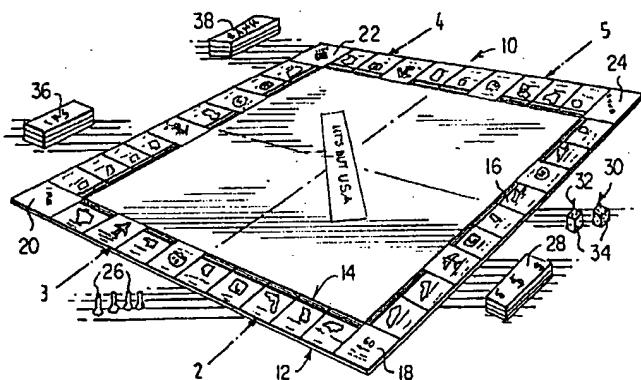
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(54) PLATEAU DE JEU DE GESTION IMMOBILIÈRE

(54) BOARD GAME OF PROPERTY MANAGEMENT



(57) Plateau de jeu (10) constitué d'une planchette (12) pourvue d'un chemin continu (14) sur son périmètre divisé en cases consécutives. La plupart des cases (16) portent des noms d'États, d'aéroports, de compagnies de téléphone et de routes nationales avec indication de la somme nécessaire pour les acheter. La première case de coin (18) porte le mot "GO" indiquant une position de départ. La deuxième case de coin (20) porte l'indication "MIN. DU REVENU". La troisième case de coin (22) porte le mot "PRISON" avec indication de la somme qu'il faut payer pour sortir de prison. La quatrième case de coin (24) porte le mot "BANQUE". Il y a une pluralité de pièces de jeu (26), une pour chaque joueur. Les pièces de jeu sont de grosseur adaptée pour se loger dans chacune des cases (16), (18), (20), (22) et (24) sur le plateau de jeu (12).

(57) A game board (10), which comprises a game board (12) having a continuous path (14) around its perimeter divided into consecutive spaces. Most of the spaces (16) bear names of states, airports, telephone companies and interstate highways with amounts of money needed to purchase them. The first corner space (18) bears the word "GO" indicating a start position. The second corner space (20) bears the abbreviation "IRS". The third corner space (22) bears the word "JAIL", a symbol for jail and the amount of money needed to pay to get out of jail. A fourth corner space (24) bears the word "BANK". A plurality of playing pieces (26) are provided, one for each of the game players. The playing pieces (26) are of a size to fit within each of the spaces (16), (18), (20), (22) and (24) on the game board (12).

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A game board (10), which comprises a game board (12) having a continuous path (14) around its perimeter divided into consecutive spaces. Most of the spaces (16) bear names of states, airports, telephone companies and interstate highways with amounts of money needed to purchase them. The first corner space (18) bears the word "GO" indicating a start position. The second corner space (20) bears the abbreviation "IRS". The third corner space (22) bears the word "JAIL", a symbol for jail and the amount of money needed to pay to get out of jail. A fourth corner space (24) bears the work "BANK". A plurality of playing pieces (26) are provided, one for each of the game players. The playing pieces (26) are of a size to fit within each of the spaces (16), (18), (20), (22) and (24) on the game board (12).

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Field of the Invention

The instant invention relates generally to board games and more specifically it relates to a game board.

Description of the Prior Art

Numerous board games have been provided in prior art that are adapted to entertain the players by challenging them, so that they utilize their skill and acumen in playing the games, while at the same time, an element of chance adds a bit of adventure and luck to the games. While these units may be suitable for the particular purpose to which they address, they would not be as suitable for the purposes of the present invention as heretofore described.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

A primary object of the present invention is to provide a game board that will overcome the shortcomings of the prior art devices.

Another object is to provide a game board in which the players utilize financial situations in purchasing states, airports, telephone companies or interstate highways, when playing the game.

An additional object is to provide a game board in which there is a balance between skill and chance when playing the game, so as to entertain all of the players.

A further object is to provide a game board that is simple and easy to use.

A still further object is to provide a game board that is economical in cost to manufacture.

Further objects of the invention will appear as the description proceeds.

To the accomplishment of the above and related objects, this invention may be embodied in the form illustrated in the accompanying drawings, attention being called to the fact, however, that the drawings are illustrative only, and that changes may be made in the specific construction illustrated and described within the scope of the appended claims.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING FIGURES

Various other objects, features and attendant advantages of the present invention will become more fully appreciated as the same becomes better understood when considered in conjunction with the accompanying drawings, in which like reference characters designate the same or similar parts throughout the several views, and wherein;

FIGURE 1 is a perspective view showing the various components of the instant invention.

FIGURE 2 is an enlarged top view of a first portion of the game board as indicated by arrow 2 in Figure 1.

FIGURE 3 is an enlarged top view of a second portion of the game board as indicated by arrow 3 in Figure 1.

FIGURE 4 is an enlarged top view of a third portion of the game board as indicated by arrow 4 in Figure 1.

FIGURE 5 is an enlarged top view of a fourth portion of the game board as indicated by arrow 5 in Figure 1.

FIGURES 6A to 6E are plan views of the various bank cards.

FIGURES 7A to 7E are plan views of the various IRS cards.

FIGURE 8 is a chart showing the various game pieces needed for playing the game.

Similar reference characters denote corresponding features consistently throughout the attached drawings.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

Turning now descriptively to the drawings, in which similar reference characters denote similar elements throughout the several views, Figures 1 through 8 illustrate a Let's Buy USA game 10, which comprises a game board 12 having a continuous path 14 around its perimeter divided into consecutive spaces. Most of the spaces 16 bear names of states, airports, telephone companies and interstate highways, with amounts of money needed to purchase them. The first corner space 18 bears the word "GO" indicating a start position. The second corner space 20 bears the abbreviation "IRS". The third corner space 22 bears the word "JAIL", a symbol for jail and the amount of money needed to pay to get out of jail. A fourth corner space 24 bears the word BANK". A plurality of playing pieces 26 are provided, one for each of the game players. The playing pieces 26 are of a size to fit within each of the spaces 16, 18, 20, 22 and 24 on the game board 12.

Play money 28 of different denominations, is for distribution of part thereof to each player. A chance determining facility 30 indicates the movement of each playing piece 26, to a particular space 16, 18, 20, and 24 in the path 14 on the game board 12. The chance determining facility 30 includes two cubed gaming pieces 32. Each cubed gaming piece 32 will produce a random output count in positive integers, with each integer being a number in a base seven system. The cubed gaming pieces 32 are a standard pair of dice 34.

A plurality of IRS cards 36 are placed in a deck. When one playing piece 26 lands on the second corner space 20, that player will pick the top IRS card 36 from the deck and follow instructions thereon (see Figures 7A to 7E). A plurality of BANK cards 38 are placed in a deck. When one playing piece 26 lands on the fourth corner space 24, that player will pick the top BANK card 38 from the deck and follow instructions thereon (see Figures 6A to 6E).

As shown in the chart in Figure 8, a plurality of miniature house game pieces 40 are distinctively identified to form a set for each player. The house game pieces 40 can be purchased and used by the players on the spaces 16 for states, airports, telephone companies and interstate highways owned on the game board 12. A plurality of miniature single city game pieces 42 are distinctively identified to form a set for each player. The single city game pieces 42 can be purchased and used by the players on the spaces 16, for states owned on the game board 12.

A plurality of miniature second city game pieces 44 are distinctively identified to form a set for each player. The second city game pieces 44 can be purchased and used by the players on the spaces 16, for states owned on the game board 12.

RULES OF THE GAME

1. Each player starts off with \$700 dollars at the beginning of each game.

2. When landing on an IRS or BANK space with no cash in reserve and instructed to pay money, a player has to forfeit one of the states to the Federal Reserve. That can be any of players choosing regardless of a city or more. The player is allowed only the original cash price for the state with cities omitted, airports, telephone companies or interstate highways the player owns to sell to the Federal Reserve to pay the IRS or BANK.

3. Once a state, airport, telephone company or interstate highway has been forfeited, it becomes free land until a player lands on it and purchases it.
4. The Federal Reserve is the central government authority which sells unowned land and purchases back properties from players, as well as giving each the 200 dollars when passing the GO space in the game board.
5. To build a single city on a players state the player must pay the Federal Reserve 600 dollars when it is the players turn. Each player is allowed to have a maximum of two cities per state. The price of a second city in each state will cost another 600 dollars, making the total price of two cities in a state 1,200 dollars.

6. Landing on a state without a city, but belonging to another player will cost the player 50 dollars.
7. Landing on another player's state with a single city will cost the player 200 dollars. Landing on another player's state with two cities will cost the player 400 dollars.
8. Landing on another player's airport, telephone company or interstate highway will cost the player 200 dollars.
9. If a player owns all the airports, another player must pay that owner the total cost of all the airports together, if that player lands on any airport. Similarly, if a player owns all the telephone companies or interstate highways, another player must pay that owner the total cost of all the telephone companies or interstate highways together, if the player land on any one of them.

10. If a player lands on any property, such as a state (whether it has a single city or more), airport, telephone company or interstate highway owned by another player and that player has no money, the player can sell his own property back to the Federal Reserve for the original cash price to pay the owner. This can be any property or properties belonging to the player. Once a state, airport, telephone company or interstate highway has been forfeited, it becomes free land until a player lands on it and purchases it.

11. If the player cannot afford to pay the owner the price, then that player has to forfeit the game. The property or properties owned by that player then becomes free land. This does not include property already free to be purchased by any player landing on it.

12. When landing on the IRS space, a player must pick up a single IRS card from the top of the deck. Similarly, when landing on the BANK space, a player must pick up a single BANK card from the top of the deck.
13. If a player lands on the JAIL space, that player must pay 150 dollars to the Federal Reserve, to get out of JAIL the next time it is that players turn. If the player does not want to pay the 150 dollars required to get out of JAIL, then that player can roll the pair of dice when it is that players turn. If double numbers appear on the pair of dice that player can get out of JAIL without paying the required amount.
14. The last player remaining in the game wins.

It will be understood that each of the elements described above, or two or more together may also find a useful application in other types of methods differing from the type described above.

While certain novel features of this invention have been shown and described are pointed out in the annexed claims, it is not intended to be limited to the details above, since it will be understood that various omissions, modifications, substitutions and changes in the forms and details of the device illustrated and in its operation can be made by those skilled in the art without departing in any way from the spirit of the present invention.

Without further analysis, the foregoing will so fully reveal the gist of the present invention that others can, by applying current knowledge, readily adapt it for various applications without omitting features that, from the standpoint of prior art, fairly constitute essential characteristics of the generic or specific aspects of this invention.

The embodiments of the invention in which an exclusive property or privilege is claimed are defined as follows:

1. A game board, which comprises:
 - a) a game board having a continuous path around its perimeter divided into consecutive spaces, most of the spaces bearing names of states, airports, telephone companies and interstate highways with amounts of money needed to purchase them, the first corner space bearing the word "GO" indicating a start position, the second corner space bearing the abbreviation "IRS", the third corner space bearing the word "JAIL", a symbol for jail and the amount of money needed to pay to get out of jail and a fourth corner space bearing the word "BANK"; and
 - b) a plurality of playing pieces, one for each of the game players, said playing pieces being of a size to fit within each of the spaces on said game board.

2. A game board as recited in Claim 1, further including play money of different denominations for distribution of part thereof to each player.
3. A game board as recited in Claim 1, further including a chance determining means to indicate the movement of each said playing piece to a particular space in the path on said game board.
4. A game board as recited in Claim 3, wherein said chance determining means includes two cubed gaming pieces, in which each said cubed gaming piece will produce a random output count in positive integers, with each integer being a number in a base seven system.

5. A game board as recited in Claim 4, wherein said cubed gaming pieces are a standard pair of dice.
6. A game board as recited in Claim 1, further including a plurality of IRS cards placed in a deck, whereby when one said playing piece lands on the second corner space, that player will pick said top IRS card from the deck and follow instructions thereon.
7. A game board as recited in Claim 1, further including a plurality of BANK cards placed in a deck, whereby when one said playing piece lands on the fourth corner space, that player will pick said top BANK card from the deck and follow instructions thereon.

8. A game board as recited in Claim 1, further including a plurality of miniature house game pieces, distinctively identified to form a set for each player, so that said house game piece can be purchased and used by the players on said spaces for states, airports, telephone companies and interstate highways owned on said game board.
9. A game board as recited in Claim 1, further including a plurality of miniature single city game pieces distinctively identified to form a set for each player, so that said single city game pieces can be purchased and used by the players on said spaces for states owned on said game board.
10. A game board as recited in Claim 1, further including a plurality of miniature second city game pieces distinctively identified to form a set for each player, so that said second city game pieces can be purchased and used by the players on said spaces for states owned on said game board.

11.

A game board, which comprises:

- a) a game board having a continuous path around its perimeter divided into consecutive spaces, most of the spaces bearing names of states, airports, telephone companies and interstate highways with amounts of money needed to purchase them, the first corner space bearing the word "GO" indicating a start position, the second corner space bearing the abbreviation "IRS", the third corner space bearing the word "JAIL", a symbol for jail and the amount of money needed to pay to get out of jail and a fourth corner space bearing the word "BANK";
- b) a plurality of playing pieces, one for each of the game players, said playing pieces being of a size to fit within each of the spaces on said game board; and
- c) play money of different denominations for distribution of part thereof to each player.

12. A game board as recited in Claim 11, further including a chance determining means to indicate the movement of each said playing piece to a particular space in the path on said game board.
13. A game board as recited in Claim 12, wherein said chance determining means includes two cubed gaming pieces, in which each said cubed gaming piece will produce a random output count in positive integers, with each integer being a number in a base seven system.
14. A game board as recited in Claim 13, wherein said cubed gaming pieces are a standard pair of dice.
15. A game board as recited in Claim 14, further including a plurality of IRS cards placed in a deck, whereby when one said playing piece lands on the second corner space, that player will pick said top IRS card from the deck and follow instructions thereon.

16. A game board as recited in Claim 15, further including a plurality of BANK cards placed in a deck, whereby when one said playing piece lands on the fourth corner space, that player will pick said top BANK card from the deck and follow instructions thereon.
17. A game board as recited in Claim 16, further including a plurality of miniature house game pieces, distinctively identified to form a set for each player, so that said house game piece can be purchased and used by the players on said spaces for states, airports, telephone companies and interstate highways owned on said game board.
18. A game board as recited in Claim 17, further including a plurality of miniature single city game pieces distinctively identified to form a set for each player, so that said single city game pieces can be purchased and used by the players on said spaces for states owned on said game board.

19. A game board as recited in Claim 18, further including a plurality of miniature second city game pieces distinctively identified to form a set for each player, so that said second city game pieces can be purchased and used by the players on said spaces for states owned on said game board.

20. A game board, which comprises:

- a) a game board having a continuous path around its perimeter divided into consecutive spaces, most of the spaces bearing names of states, airports, telephone companies and interstate highways with amounts of money needed to purchase them, the first corner space bearing the word "GO" indicating a start position, the second corner space bearing the abbreviation "IRS", the third corner space bearing the word "JAIL", a symbol for jail and the amount of money needed to pay to get out of jail and a fourth corner space bearing the word bank;
- b) a plurality of playing pieces, colour coded one for each of the game players, said playing pieces being of a size to fit within each of the spaces on said game board;
- c) play money of different denominations for distribution of part thereof to each player;
- d) a chance determining means comprising dice to indicate the movement of each said playing piece to a particular space in the path on said game board;
- e) a plurality of IRS cards placed in a deck, whereby when one said playing piece lands on the second corner space, that player will pick the top IRS card from the deck and follow instructions thereon and become familiar with actions taken by the IRS, usually resulting in the necessity to pay additional taxes;

f) a plurality of BANK cards placed in a deck, whereby when one said playing piece lands on the fourth corner space, that player will pick the top BANK card from the deck and follow instructions thereon and become acquainted with a variety of different banking functions;

g) a plurality of miniature house game pieces, distinctively identified to form a set for each player coded by colour to match the colour of the player's playing piece, so that said house game pieces can be purchased and used by the players on said spaces for states, airports, telephone companies and interstate highways owned on said game board;

h) a plurality of miniature single city game pieces each in the form of a skyscraper distinctively identified to form a set for each player coded by colour to match the colour of the player's playing piece, so that said single city game pieces can be purchased and used by the players on said spaces for states owned on said game board; and

i) a plurality of miniature second city game pieces each in the form of a pair of adjoining skyscrapers distinctively identified to form a set for each player coded by colour to match the colour of the player's playing piece, so that said second city game pieces can be purchased and used by the players on said spaces for states owned on said game board for identifying a second city in a state where there is already one city established.

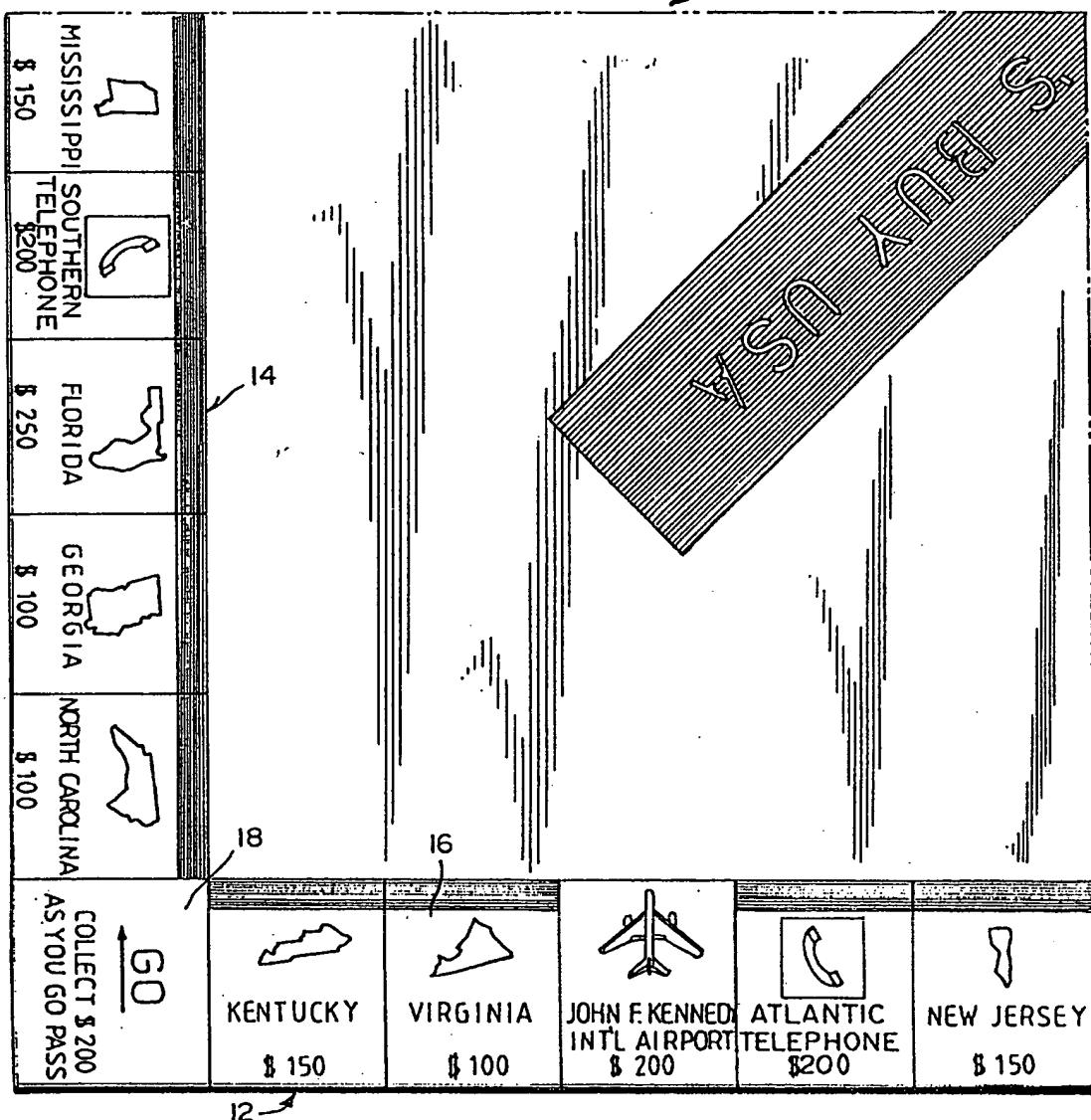
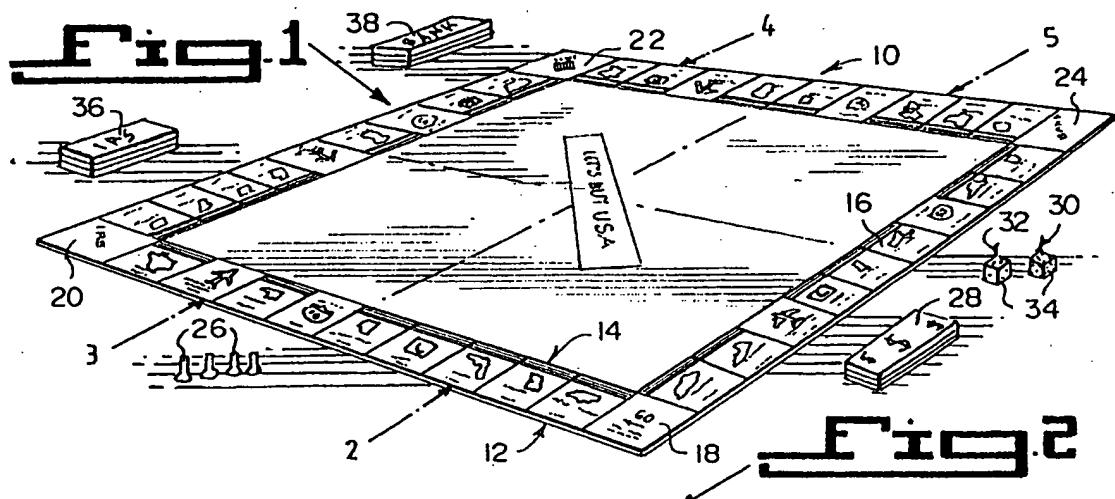
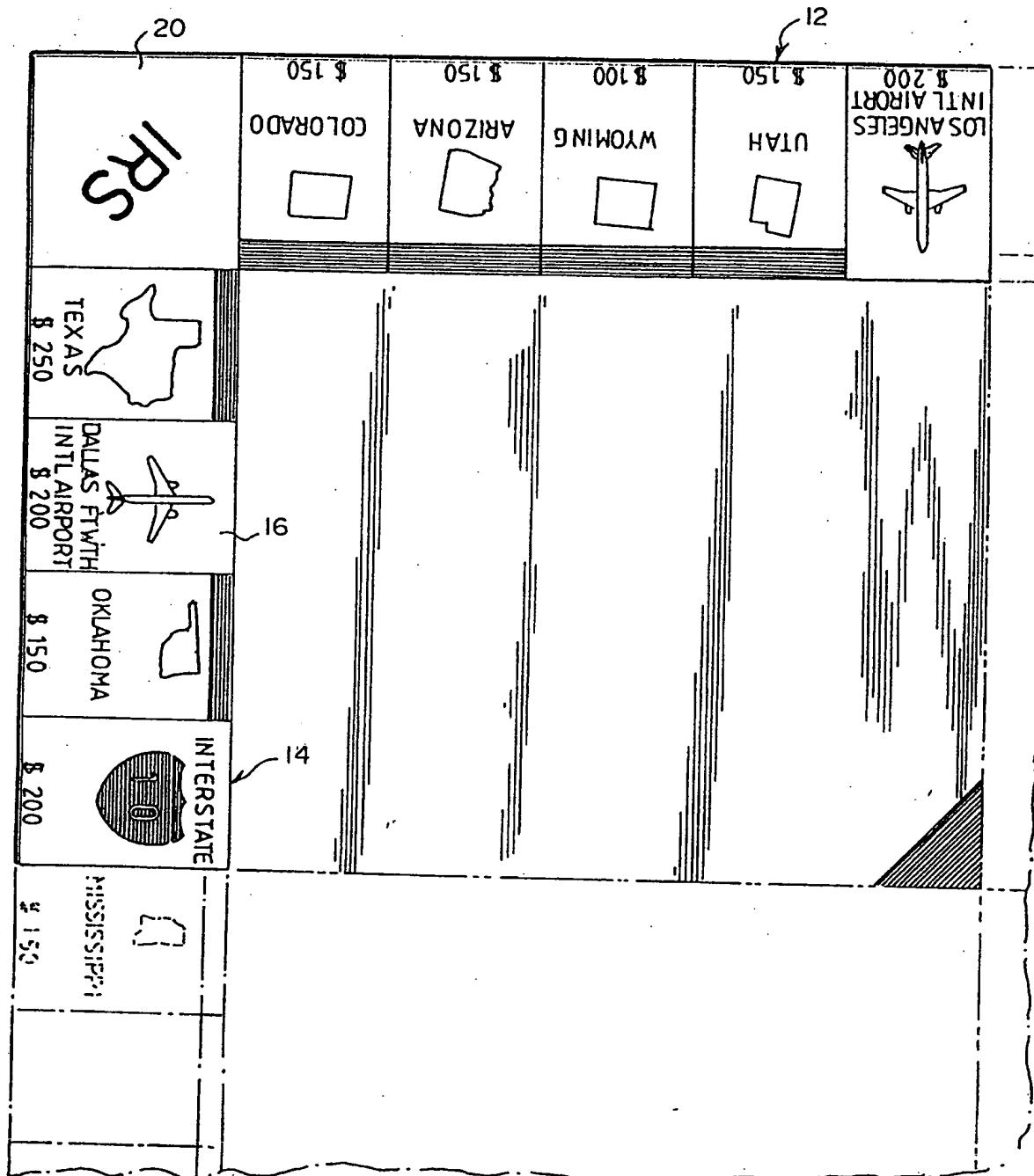
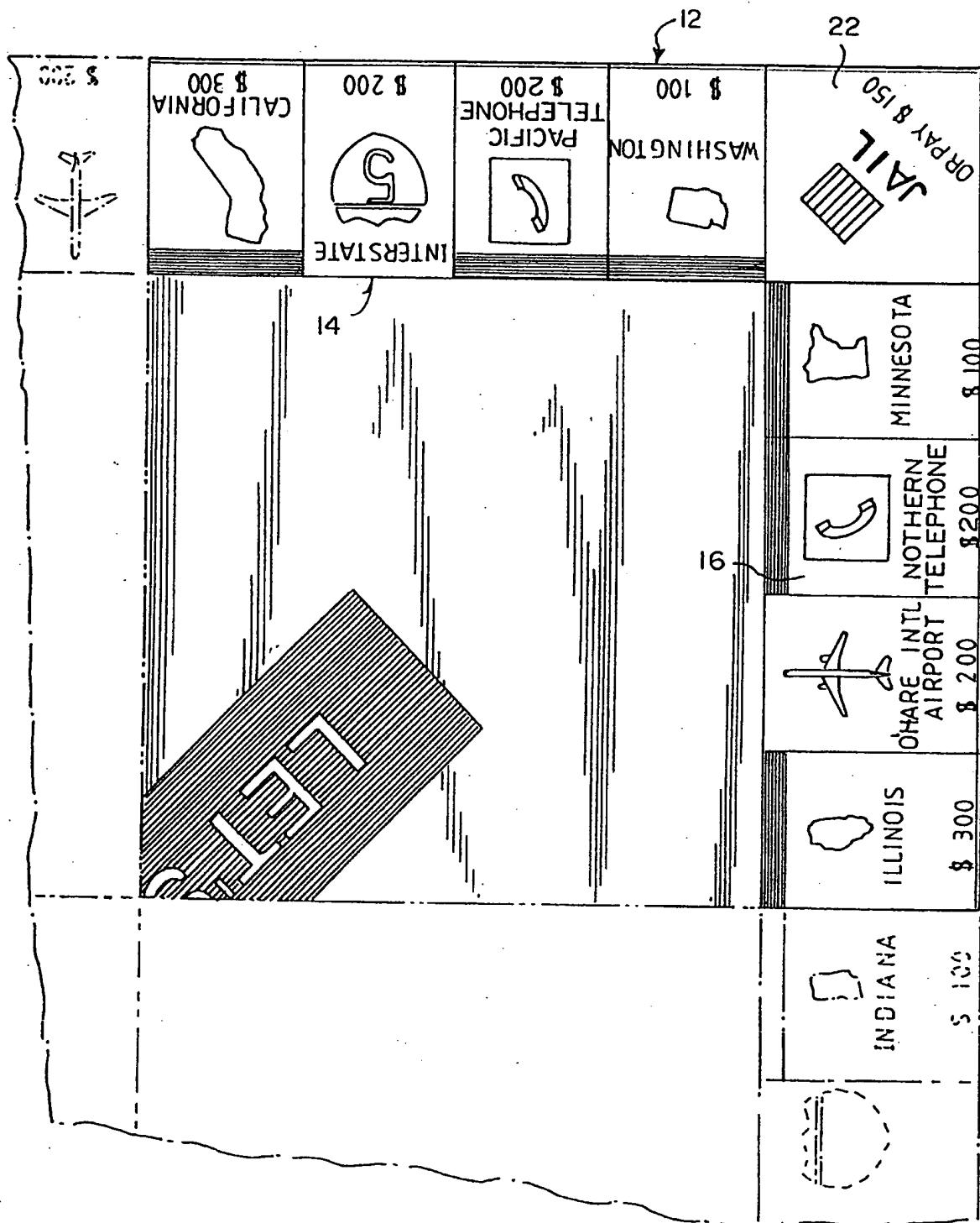


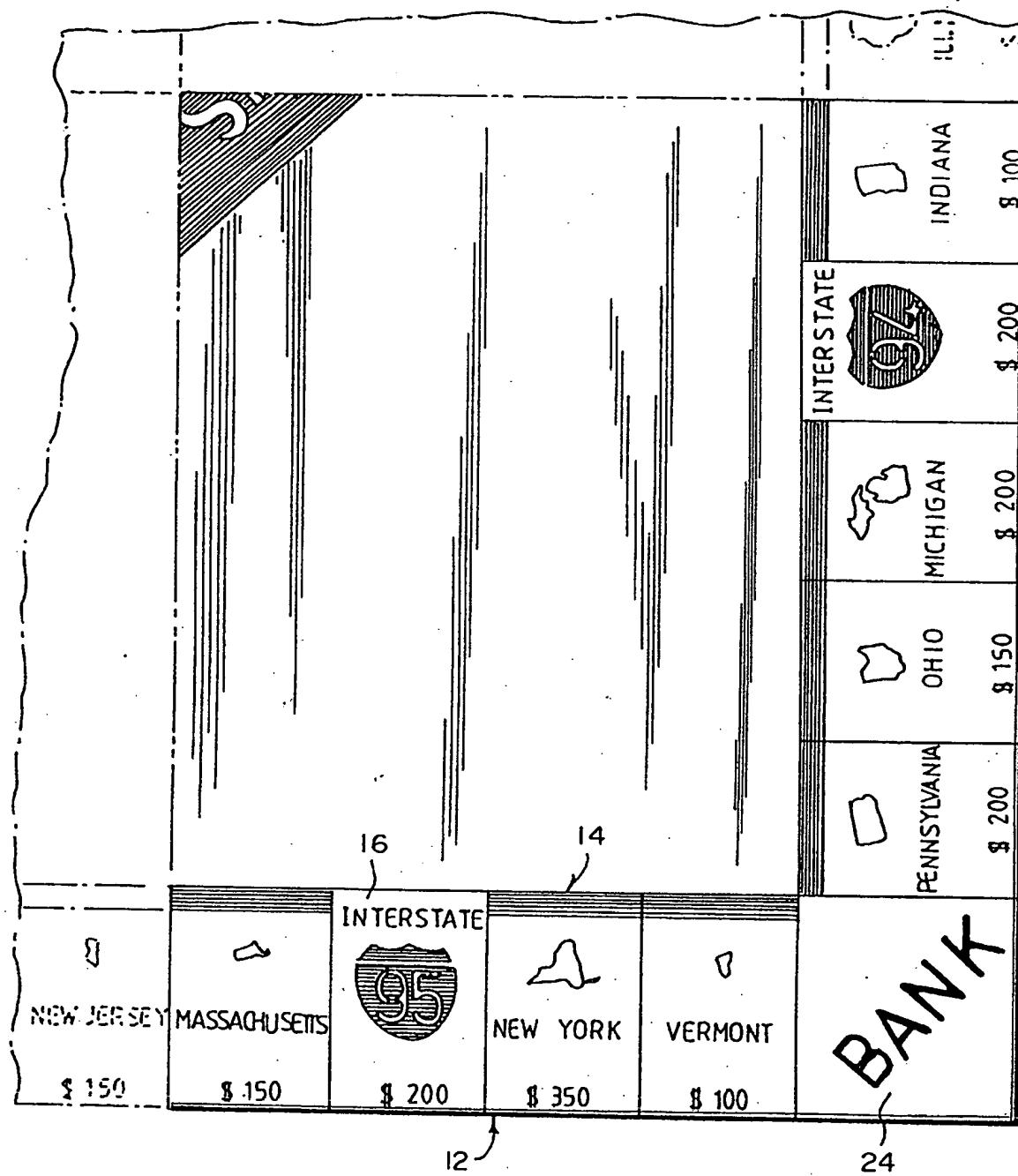
Fig. 3



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FIGS

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A major telephone company is building a massive manufacturing plant in one of your state(s), which will create at least 1,000 new jobs. The BANK gives you \$100

BANK

A minor tremor has struck part of your state, the damage bill is counted, you owe the BANK \$100

BANK

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Crime in your state(s) is on the increase, you owe \$100 to the BANK to step up police presence

BANK

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A heat wave has struck much of your state(s) causing hundreds of casualties & water reservoir levels have dropped dangerously low, you have a plan to bring in more water from other state(s). You owe the BANK \$100

BANK

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Crime in your state(s) is on the increase, you owe the BANK \$50 for each state owned to put more police on the beat

BANK

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Prison population is at an all time high in your state(s), more state penitentiaries are needed to be built, you owe the BANK \$200 for new jails.

BANK

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Vandalism is on the rise in your state(s), repair costs are needed, you owe the BANK \$100

BANK

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One of your state(s) has become a major leading producer of wheat & has won a huge International order, the BANK gives you \$100

BANK



A major earthquake measuring 5.8 on the Richter Scale has rocked one of your state(s) leaving behind casualties & widespread damage, you owe the BANK \$100

BANK

One of your state(s) has become a major leading producer of beef cattle, the BANK gives you \$100

BANK

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Foreign investment in your state(s) has fallen affecting your budget, you owe the BANK \$150

BANK

Exports of Coal & Iron ore shipments are up from one of your state(s), the BANK gives you \$100

BANK

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Street crime is at an all time high in your state, more police are needed. You owe the BANK \$200 to employ more police officers

BANK

Vast pools of mineral resources have been found in your state, the BANK gives you \$100

BANK

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The cost of crime is at an all time low, your state(s) budget is in excess of \$100. The BANK gives you \$50 for every state owned

BANK

Medical insurances are on the increase in your state(s), you owe the BANK \$100

BANK

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Fig. 6B

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Patient waiting lists are on the rise & there's a general out cry for more public hospitals to be built in your state, you pass a bill which is made into law allowing for more hospitals to be built, you owe the BANK \$150

BANK

Wild fires strike your state(s) damaging property, you owe the BANK \$100

BANK

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A second major power plant needs to be built in your state(s), you owe the BANK \$100

BANK

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Strong winds & Tornados have struck your state(s), the repair bill has been counted. You owe the BANK \$100

BANK

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Crude oil is found underground in your state(s), the BANK gives you \$100

BANK

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Job market vacancies in your state are at an all time high & unemployment is at a record low, the BANK gives you \$100

BANK

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Major resorts are built in your state(s) which increases the tourist trade, the BANK gives you \$100 for each state owned

BANK

A major car maker has built it's manufacturing plant in one of your state(s) providing thousands of new jobs, the BANK gives you \$100

BANK

Fig. 6 C

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Constant rains & floods ravage 30% of your state(s), a state of emergency is declared. You owe \$100 to the BANK

BANK

A major manufacturer has expanded it's operations in your state(s), the BANK gives you \$100

BANK

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Land prices & properties soar in your state(s), the BANK gives you \$100

BANK

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Land prices drop in your state(s) & the property market is in a slump, you owe the BANK \$100

BANK

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A major airport in your state needs upgrading, the cost is \$100, you owe the BANK \$100

BANK

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Motor vehicle sales are up & car sales are at a record high in your state(s), the BANK gives you \$100

BANK

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More Freeways need constructing in your state(s), you owe the BANK \$100 for each state owned

BANK

A main Freeway in your state requires a major upgrade, you owe the BANK \$100

BANK

Fig. 6D

Pollution in one of your state(s) is high & beyond acceptable EPA standards, the situation needs fixing, you must pay the BANK \$100

BANK

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More railroads need to be built in your state(s), as construction begins you owe the BANK \$100

BANK

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Fig. 6E

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The job market is currently in a slump & unemployment is high in your state(s), you owe the IRS \$50 for each state owned

IRS

Retail sales fall in your state(s), you owe the IRS \$100

IRS

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A massive reservoir dam has been built in one of your state(s), you owe the IRS \$100

IRS

Foreign imports into your state(s) are up & exports are down, you owe the IRS \$100

IRS

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The Educational budget has been increased in your state(s), you owe the IRS \$150

IRS

Consumer spending in your state(s) has fallen, you owe the IRS \$100

IRS

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A new job creation bill has been passed in your state(s) & made into law, you owe the IRS \$100

IRS

A foreign company has won a take over bid for a major company in your state, you owe the IRS \$100

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Tourism in your state(s) has fallen & affected your states' small business industry, you owe the IRS \$100

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Taxes are on the increase in your state(s), you owe the IRS \$200

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You owe the IRS \$100 in back taxes.

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You owe the IRS \$100 in back taxes

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You owe the IRS \$200 in back taxes

IRS

Exports from your state(s) are down, you owe the IRS \$100

IRS

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The cost of farm produce is on the increase in your state(s), you owe the IRS \$100

IRS

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Fig. 7B

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Consumer retail sales are on the increase in your state(s), the IRS gives you \$100

IRS

A comprehensive Health Care reform bill has been passed in your state(s) & made into law, you owe the IRS \$100

IRS

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Health Care costs rise in your state(s), you owe the IRS \$50 for each state owned

IRS

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A new Welfare reform bill has been passed in your state(s) & made into law which will improve support & new job creation schemes, you owe the IRS \$50 for each state owned

IRS

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More Hospitals need to be built in your state(s) but funds are urgently needed, you owe the IRS \$100

IRS

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A new study has shown a steady stream of the population from your state(s) are moving away to other states because of rising costs, you owe the IRS \$100

IRS

36

A large company in your state(s) has won a major international order to supply medical equipment, you owe the IRS \$100

IRS

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A major bank in your state has made a bad investment, you bail out the bank. You owe the IRS \$150

IRS

Fig. 70

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Supply of farm produce is low because of lack of rain this season, the IRS is owed \$100

IRS

The price of gasoline is on the rise in your state(s), you owe the IRS \$50

IRS

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A major manufacturer has laid off 2,000 employees leaving behind mass unemployment in your state, you owe the IRS \$100

IRS

Electricity charges are on the rise in your state(s), you owe the IRS \$100

IRS

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The Social Security budget in your state(s) is in deficit, you owe the IRS \$100

IRS

Source treatment in your state(s)

IRS & the BANK \$100 each

IRS

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A new crime bill has been passed, an increase in your state's budget needs adjusting, you owe the IRS \$100

IRS

A leading international telephone company has invested heavily in your state(s) telecommunications network, the IRS gives you \$100

IRS

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Motor vehicle sales are down & car sales in your state(s) are in a slump, you owe the IRS \$100

IRS

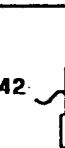
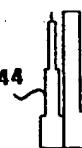
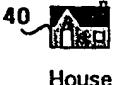
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A second major airport has been built in one of your state(s), you owe the IRS \$100

IRS

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Game Pieces	Red pieces	White pieces	Blue pieces	Grey pieces
 42 Single City	24 Single Cities	24 Single Cities	24 Single Cities	24 Single Cities
 44 Second City	24 Second Cities	24 Second Cities	24 Second Cities	24 Second Cities
 40 House	36 Owned states	36 Owned states	36 Owned states	36 Owned states
	84 pieces	84 pieces	84 pieces	84 pieces

The colored Game Pieces represent each opponents owned property¹ on the board game. Opponents can only use one color throughout each game.

¹States with single or second cities are represented by their own Game Pieces

The House Game Piece represents an owned state with no city or cities

Owned Airports, Telephone Companies & Interstates are represented by the House Game Piece

Fig. 8

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